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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

H. TAKATSUJI et al.

Application No.: 09/156,580

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING
INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY
INTRODUCING PETUNIA
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR PETSPL2

Art Unit: 1649

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 17, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-11, 13-14, 16-17, and 20-21, without prejudice. Please amend claims 1-2 and 18-19 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended). An isolated ^{DNA molecule} ^{gene} comprising [DNA which is selected from a) or b):

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